Dear SIC Members and Supporters:

This issue of *SIC Clips & Quips* (Volume 5, Issue 1) is sent to share information of special interest to our state's School Improvement Councils.

Governor's Budget Vetoes – Governor Nikki Haley issued 81 line item vetoes of the 2012-2013 Appropriations Bill. The SC House met on July 17 to decide whether to override or sustain each veto (an override requires a 2/3 majority vote). The SC Senate met on July 18 to consider those vetoes which the House voted to override. Below is a report on selected vetoes that may be of interest to School Improvement Councils. For complete lists of the vetoes and roll call votes of the House and Senate on them, visit the SC-SIC website at http://sic.sc.gov and click on the "Policy News You Can Use" tab in the left-hand column of the homepage.

Veto 1 – SC Arts Commission - $3,446,946 - OVERRIDE
Veto 4 – SC Writing Improvement Network - $182,761 (Education Improvement Act Funds) - OVERRIDE
Veto 5 – SC Geographic Alliance - $155,869 (Education Improvement Act Funds) - OVERRIDE
Veto 7 – Teacher Quality & Retention (Teacher Salary Increase) - $10,070,600 - OVERRIDE
Veto 10 – Joint Citizens & Legislative Committee on Children - $300,000 - OVERRIDE
Veto 11 – Education Oversight Committee (Administration/Operations) - $703,088 - OVERRIDE
Veto 17 – Bus Maintenance Shops in Lee County - SUSTAINED
Veto 18 – Education Oversight Committee (Innovation Initiative) - SUSTAINED
Veto 21 – SC Arts Commission Grants - $500,000 –OVERRIDE
Veto 26 – Center for Fathers & Families (Prosecution Coordination Commission) - $200,000 - SUSTAINED
Veto 27 – Department of Disabilities & Special Needs - $250,000 - SUSTAINED
Veto 41 – Callen-Lacy Center for Children - $35,000 - SUSTAINED
Veto 43 – Department of Social Services (Afterschool Program) - $25,000 - SUSTAINED
Veto 44 – State Board for Technical & Comprehensive Education - $200,000 - OVERRIDE
Veto 45 – Commission on Higher Education (Technology Upgrade) - $100,000 - SUSTAINED
Veto 60 – John de la Howe School (Technology Upgrade) - $200,014 - OVERRIDE
Veto 62 – Vocational Rehabilitation (State Matching Funds) - $1,000,000 - OVERRIDE
Veto 63 – Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School (Window Replacement) - $750,000 - OVERRIDE
Veto 68 – SC School Improvement Council (USC Budget Proviso) - $100,000 - OVERRIDE
Veto 69 – SC School Improvement Council (Support for Staffing Needs) - $35,000 - SUSTAINED
Vetoes 71 & 72 – Education Oversight Committee (Efficiency Review) - $300,000 - OVERRIDE

SC Education Policy Fellowship Program Is Accepting Applications! – Apply today for this intensive 10-month professional development program which has been an initiative of the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, DC, since 1964. The South Carolina site is coordinated through the SC School Improvement Council in the College of Education at the University of South Carolina, with assistance from the SC Department of Education's Office of School Leadership. *This program is open to all stakeholders!* SC-EPFP focuses on education policy, leadership and networking. Interested? Visit http://sic.sc.gov and click on the "SC Education Policy Program" tab and contact SC-SIC executive Director Cassie Barber, barber2@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-777-7658 for the applicant requirements, tuition fee, travel expenses, meeting dates and more. *But hurry!* The official deadline to express your interest in applying is **July 31** with application paperwork to be accepted through **August 14.** SC-EPFP's first session is scheduled for September 14 in Columbia.

Schedule SIC Trainings in Your District – The fall semester of each school year is typically the busiest SC-SIC training season, although trainings are conducted across the state throughout the year. Now is the time to think about scheduling trainings for your SIC members for 2012-13. Whether its training conducted by one of our certified SIC District Contacts or district-wide training provided by SC-SIC staff, such sessions are vital to new and more seasoned SIC members so that they can know more about their roles and responsibilities to their school communities. Schedule your training today as the training schedule can fill up quickly! For more on SIC training opportunities, visit the SC-SIC website at http://sic.sc.gov and click on the "Training and Resources" tab.

SC-SIC Member Network Reset for 2012-13 School Year – The online SC-SIC Member Network was reset on **July 1st** to enable local SICs to begin reporting their membership information for the 2012-13 school year. Those accessing the Network (whether logging on as a designated user or using the "read-only" function) will note that membership information for the past school year has been highlighted. While the statutory deadline for reporting SIC membership information is not until **November 15th,** designated Member Network users may begin entering their SIC's information immediately if the SIC has conducted spring elections and have the information ready to go. Account users will have to update their log-in and password information for the new school year. Directions for this are available on the SC-SIC Member Network site accessible through http://sic.sc.gov or by contacting SC-SIC Public Information Director Claudia Wolverton by email at

wolverto@mailbox.sc.edu. Also, if your school is a new or re-organized school not listed in the SC-SIC Member Network, email Ms. Wolverton to assist you in getting your SIC established in the database.

Remember, *SIC Clips & Quips* is sent to all SIC members and supporters who share their email addresses with us. Please feel free to print this information out and share it with fellow SIC members who may not have received it. We are here to help you, so please contact us any time!

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